

Luoji language

Luoji (autonym: *luo ʋdʒi t*)^[1] is a moribund Loloish language of Weining County, Guizhou, China that is spoken by the Qixingmin people. There are a few semi-fluent elderly speakers in Shejie Village 蛇街村, Yangjie Town 羊街镇, Weining County, with no fluent speakers remaining.^{[1][2][3]}

Classification

The Qixingmin speak a language closely related to the local Yi language, which is intermediate between the Western and Eastern Yi dialects of Weining County (Weining 1997:328).^[4] Some vocabulary items differ, such as the word for 'chili pepper' (Chinese: 辣椒), which is "zi 自" in the Western Yi dialect, "shapo 傻迫" in the Eastern Yi dialect, and "boji 薄几" in Qixingmin.^[4]

However, the Qixingmin claim that they are distinct from the Yi, and that their ancestors spoke a non-Yi language that had become extinct centuries ago.^[1]

Qixingmin is geographically located between the Western Yi and Eastern Yi areas. These languages are spoken in:^[4]

- *Qixingmin* ("Qixingmin Liangzi" 七姓民梁子): Xiangshui 响水, Jinhai 金海, Sandaohe 三道河, Shejie 蛇街, Yangjie 羊街, and Yanjia 严家
- *Western Yi*: Guanfenghai 观风海, Niupeng 牛棚, Dajie 大街, and Longjie 龙街
- *Eastern Yi*: Yancang 盐仓, Jinzhong 金钟, and Ertang 二塘

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Luoji	
Qixingmin	
Native to	China
Ethnicity	Bai
Language family	Sino-Tibetan <ul style="list-style-type: none">(Tibeto-Burman)<ul style="list-style-type: none">Lolo–Burmese<ul style="list-style-type: none">Loloish<ul style="list-style-type: none">Nisoish<ul style="list-style-type: none">Northern Loloish<ul style="list-style-type: none">Nasoid<ul style="list-style-type: none">Luoji
Language codes	
ISO 639-3	<i>None</i> (mis)
Glottolog	<i>None</i>

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